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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S SARKIS'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT FORD'S
INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE

;. WE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF A MESSAGE DATED
NOVEMBER 24, 1976 FROM PRESIDENT SARKIS TO PRESIDENT FORD
VIA THE LEBANESE AMBASSADOR, MR. KABBANI, FOR TRANSMITTAL
TO THE WHITE HOUSE: QUOTE. MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR
THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER THAT YOU HAVE CONVEYED TO ME ON
THE OCCASION OF LEBANON'S INDEPENDENCE DAY. AS YOU ARE
AWARE, MR. PRESIDENT, LEBANON IS FAITHFUL TO THE TRADITIONAL
AND FRIENDLY TIES WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND
WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP; FURTHER THESE RELATIONS.

2. THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE GIVEN US ONCE MORE THE
ASSURANCES THAT THE L.BANESE PEOPLE ARE MORE THAN EVER
ATTACHED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY, AS WELL
AS TO THE INDEPENDENCE, THE SOVEREIGNTY, AND THE TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY OF THEIR COUNTRY. WHILE WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO
RESTORE FULL PEACE AND ORDER ON THE ENTIRE LEBANESE TER-
RITORY, WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MOMENT WHEN THE
COUNTRY COULD FULLY RESUME, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ITS PEACE-
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FUL ROLE AMONG THE FAMILY OF NATIONS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE

TRADITIONAL HARMONY WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED THE RELATIONS
AMONG THE VARIOUS FACTIONS OF THE LEBANESE NATION.

3. IT IS ALSO OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL
CONTINUE TO EXERT ALL ITS POSITIVE EFFORTS TO ATTAIN A JUST
AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH AS YOU KNOW
CONSTITUTES A MAJOR PREREQUISITE TO THE STABILITY IN
LEBANON ITSELF. SINCERELY, ELIAS SARKIS. UNQUOTE. ROBINSON

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